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## REMARKS BY U.S. TREASURER MARY ELLEN WITHROW VETERANS DAY COIN PRESENTATION

Honored families, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

This is a solemn occasion. But also an occasion in which we reaffirm the first pledge of this nation's founders: this Republic will forever remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and the families who feel their sacrifice most keenly.

On behalf of the Treasury Department and a grateful nation, I respectfully present the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Coin to Mrs. Fern Aull, in honor of her son, Earl D. Aull, whose name appears on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Silver Dollar. His name and the names of so many who fell at the battle of Ia-Drang Valley are engraved on Panel Three east of this Memorial. That is the panel that is the centerpiece of the arresting design for this coin. On it, Butch Aull's name endures in our nation's memory where it most fittingly belongs -- among the names of his fallen comrades.

I would also like to present a coin to family members of some of the men whose names were just added to the Memorial last week. To Ms. Debbie Gates Russell and Mr. Barry Gates in honor of their brother, Thomas Lawrence Gates, and Mrs. Mary Schaaf in honor of her husband, Lee Richard Schaaf.

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